IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )
TOBINAGA et al. ) BOX PCT
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International Application )
PCT/EP 99/09420 )
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Filed: December 02, 1999 )
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For: MEMBRANE SUITABLE FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-10 and insert new claims 11-30 on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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